



El Paso Health
HEALTH PLANS FOR EL PASOANS. BY EL PASOANS.

1145 Westmoreland Drive
El Paso, Texas 79925
1-877-532-3778
elpasohealth.com



New Medicaid Benefit for Applied Behavior Analysis Services

Dear STAR Member,

Starting February 1, 2022, the Texas Health and Human Services (HHS) is adding a new Medicaid benefit for Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) services for members 20 years of age or younger with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD). Prior authorization will be needed for all ABA services before getting the services.

Autism Spectrum Disorder is a condition characterized by restricted, repetitive patterns of behavior, interests, or activities and deficits in social communication and social interaction, with onset of symptoms occurring in early childhood.

Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) is a therapy that focuses on behavior and learning. The overall goal of ABA is to figure out why a child behaves the way they do and then focuses on ways to encourage those good behavior habits and correct the harmful behaviors habits of that child. ABA focuses on positive reinforcement in order to decrease those unwanted behaviors. The therapy helps improve socially significant behaviors including communication and social skills, memory, academic performance, and language.

If you have any questions, please contact our Member Services Department at 915-532-3778 or toll free at 1-877-532-3778, Monday through Friday 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Sincerely,

El Paso Health
Member Services Department

